

**January 14, 2019 6:30 P.M.**

**JONES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**JONES COUNTY AGRICULTURAL BUILDING, 110 MARKET STREET**

**TRENTON, NC 28585**

**MINUTES**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Mike Haddock, Chairman

Frank Emory, Vice-Chairman

Sondra Ipock-Riggs, Commissioner

James Harper, Commissioner

April Aycock, Commissioner

Charlie Dunn, Jr., Commissioner

Charlie Gray, Commissioner

**OFFICIALS PRESENT:**

Franky J. Howard, County Manager

Angelica Hall, Clerk

Brenda Reece, Finance Officer

The Chairperson called the meeting to order and Mr. Franky Howard, County Manager, presented the following Items to the Board for review:

**Opioid Litigation**

Mr. Dave Baxter, County Attorney, spoke to the Board about the Opioid Litigation. Mr. Baxter explained the benefits that would be available to the County if we were to join in the lawsuit. Mr. Baxter also explained to the Board that the County would only be responsible to pay the attorney fees, if won, which are capped at 25%. Mr. Howard informed the Board that this item would be added to the next meeting Agenda for approval.

**Timmy Pike- EMS Director**

Mr. Timmy Pike, EM Director, presented the following information to the Board for review: the addition of ½ shifts to assist with coverage throughout the entire county, information on the Volunteer EMS and Fire Department calls.

**Franky Howard- County Manager**

Mr. Franky Howard, County Manager, presented the following information to the Board for review:

### **Facility Fees**

The Courthouse fines and forfeitures statutory requirements which shows what is mandated for the county to pay and also who sets the fees.

### **Landfill Scales**

Currently, individuals are not being charged due to the scales not working. Mr. Howard explained that he would be meeting with the insurance company and after that meeting there can be more discuss on the plans for the landfill moving forward.

### **Tax Department**

Mr. Howard informed the Board that there are guidelines set forth by State Statute and that the Tax office cannot deviate from the Statutes. Mr. Howard requested that if there are any questions or concerns about the Statutory Requirements for the Tax Office that they let him know and he would get with the Tax Administrator to provide them an answer.

### **Forestry- Land Flooding**

Mr. Howard informed the Board that he was in contact with Kyle Smith, Program Tech with Soil and Water, and he is researching the matter and will provide a follow-up as soon as Mr. Smith provides him any information.

### **Recreation Position**

Mr. Howard informed the Board that this position would need to be reviewed during the budget process before any permanent decisions are made. Currently, Mr. Steven Moore, who is a part-time employee, is handling everything for the department.

### **Budget Timeline**

Budget workshops will start April 1, 2019. With the hope to adopt the budget on the June 3rd meeting.

### **Facebook**

Mr. Howard informed the Board that he is actively looking for a solution to provide a good quality viewing to our citizens that would like to view the meeting via Facebook live.

### **Conference Update- New Meeting Schedule Proposal**

Mr. Howard introduced a new Meeting Schedule for the Boards input. The new schedule would be as follows: one meeting a month and one workshop. Both meetings would be

in the evening with the first meeting being a workshop meeting starting at 6:30 pm and the 3rd Monday meeting being a regular meeting starting at 7:00 pm. The approximate start date for this change would be the first Monday meeting in February.

**State Secretaries Visit**

January 22, 2019 at 10 a.m., Secretary Larry Hall with the NC Veterans Affairs Offices will be in Trenton at the American Legion Post.

**Courthouse Plans Review**

The Courthouse plans review will be January 24, 2019.

**Water Project Update**


Mr. Howard provided the Board an update on the water project.

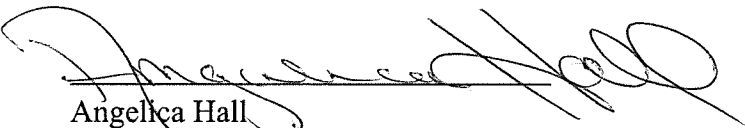
**State Grant**

Mr. Howard informed the Board that there were opportunities to apply for assistance through a State Grant that was being offered to the counties that were affected by the storm. The funding available is a grant up to \$1 million and \$2 million zero % interest loan.

Mr. Howard informed the Board that there was a STEP Program available for the citizens of the County. This is being provided by the State and is to assist the citizens with their recovery process.

**MOTION** made by Commissioner Charlie Gray, seconded by Commissioner Frank Emory, and unanimously carried **THAT** the meeting be **ADJOURNED** at 9:06 p.m.

  
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Mike Haddock  
Chairman

  
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Angelica Hall  
Clerk to the Board